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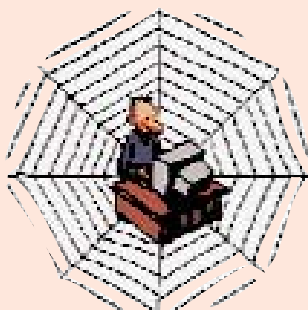
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Shall we dance?



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airman Basic Ryan Collazo and Ruth O'Bannon, Area 3, dance after the closing ceremony of last weekend's Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games hosted at Keesler. More photos, Page 25.

Operation Summer Survivor 101 critical days begin

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The name has changed, but the message remains the same.

"Operation Summer Survivor — Xtreme Challenge" is Air Education and Training Command's title for the Air Force's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

The focus remains on the deadliest time of the year for the Air Force — the summer months between Memorial Day and Labor Day, when travel and recreational hazards increase.

"Our people and their families are vacationing and getting involved in more sports activities at this time of year," said Keesler's safety chief, Lt. Col. Lawrence Averbeck. "We want people to stop and consider the risks they may be taking when traveling, working and playing."

The 81st Training Wing kicked off Operation Summer Survivor during two Wingman Days earlier in the month.

Three briefings emphasized general safety issues, responsible alcohol use and personal risk management.

Keesler's safety strategy paid big dividends last summer, when the base tallied eight reportable injuries, compared to 13 reportable injuries and one fatality in 2003, according to Virgil Mitchell, ground safety chief.

Last summer, the Air Force Safety Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.,

reported 32 fatalities during the 101 Critical Days, compared to 37 the previous year.

Five of the Air Force fatalities occurred on duty. The off-duty deaths included 12 personal vehicle crashes, 11 motorcycle wrecks and four sports and recreation accidents. Alcohol played a role in three of the car wrecks, one motorcycle crash and one recreational accident.

AETC had one fatality during last summer's campaign, equaling the command's previous safest summers, 1996 and 1997.

For Keesler people, driving is usually the most dangerous activity during the summer months.

"Almost all of Keesler's past fatalities were caused by vehicular accidents," Colonel Averbeck noted. "Last year, our only fatality was the result of a motorcycle accident."

According to Harrison County officials, U.S. Highway 90 just south of the base is the most dangerous roadway, followed closely by Interstate 10. Both major east-west corridors are busy year-round, but traffic is much heavier during the summer months.

"Tourists aren't familiar with our traffic patterns and are busy taking in the sights, which adds hazards to our roads," Colonel Averbeck pointed out.

Those same concerns hold true when

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New law affects SGLI payments, premiums

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service
WASHINGTON

Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that expand benefits provided through Service members' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental

legislation signed into law by President Bush on May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for service members with traumatic injuries, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage takes effect Sept. 1, and

the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits are retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, Mr. Wurtz said.

Traumatic SGLI benefits are retroactive for service members who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during Oper-

ations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation, or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Mr. Wurtz said.

Service members enrolled

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COMMENTARY

Career, education, finances

Investing benefits threefold

By Maj. Brian Hand

Former 81st Transportation Squadron commander

I have one word of advice to all young Airmen who are new to the Air Force — invest as soon as possible.

Invest in career

First, Airmen should invest significant time and energy into learning their new trade.

Airmen accomplish this by on-the-job training and career development course formal upgrade training.

Another tool to help build knowledge is to identify and utilize an Air Force mentor. This role model can be a supervisor, a noncommissioned officer, an officer or another Airman who is knowledgeable, professional and sets a good example by their actions.

Once this mentor is identified, pick his or her brain for knowledge. Ask how to accomplish certain tasks, ask what a particular acronym stands for, ask any Air Force question you have.

A mentor takes you under his wing and instructs and helps guide you during your early Air Force years.

By investing effort in these areas, this will catapult you into higher skill levels. Strive to be the most knowledgeable Airman in your shop — your supervisors will definitely take notice.

It isn't easy to gain this knowledge and confidence — it takes dedication, motivation and trial and error. However, if an honest effort is put into learning your primary Air Force Specialty Code, your investment pays dividends.

The inscription on the eagle and fledgling statue outside Mitchell Hall at the Air Force Academy reinforces this concept: "Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge."

Invest in education

Secondly, invest in education — both professional military education and higher education.

When the rank of senior airman is achieved, jump at the opportunity to attend Airmen Leadership School. When the prestigious rank of technical sergeant is attained, coordinate with your supervisor and let your first sergeant know you stand ready for any short-notice NCO Academy slots.

Once selected for master sergeant, enroll

and promptly complete the Senior NCO Academy by correspondence.

Additionally, there are many phenomenal higher education opportunities for you while you're in the Air Force and the best part is they're basically free.

College-level examination program and DANTES subject standardized tests are free through the base education office. Additionally, tuition assistance pays 100 percent up to \$250 per semester hour (\$4,500 total per fiscal year) if you choose to pursue a degree.

Therefore, in many cases students can obtain associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees tuition-free. Visit the Air Force Virtual Education Center via the Air Force Portal at <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod> to learn more about these outstanding programs.

It doesn't matter if you plan on staying in the Air Force for five or 25 years — invest in both PME and your higher education. I'm 36 years old and I'm still taking advantage of educational opportunities provided by the Air Force.

Invest financially

Lastly, invest in your financial stability. Money for a one- or two-striper isn't plentiful; however, strive to help yourself by maintaining zero credit card debt. Help yourself by not taking out a humongous car loan with high interest rates.

What is the point in having a super-expensive, tricked-out ride if all of your income goes towards the monthly car loan, insurance and gas? Avoid the trap of having an awesome set of wheels that sits in the parking lot because you don't have any spending money to go anywhere.

Take advantage of both individual retirement accounts and the Thrift Savings Plan — both have certain tax advantages. There's an old saying that states "pay yourself first." If you squirrel away as little as \$20 per month over 40 years, your money can compound into \$70,286 — assuming an 8 percent return, which is very possible.

Investing \$50 per month over the same time period could yield as much as \$175,714. Be aware your retirement pay alone, in most instances, isn't enough to live on comfortably.

The one thing that young Airmen have that generals and chiefs don't is time.

Take advantage of your youth and the power of compounding interest.

Report civilian media contact
to the Public Affairs Office, 377-2783.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Guard leaves lasting impression

Comment — I am the Master of McLeod Lodge No. 424 of Ocean Springs. On three or four occasions we've had an opportunity to be assisted in burial services by the base honor guard. The female noncommissioned officer in charge and her guard did what can be only expressed as a perfectly executed funeral service. I tried on three occasions to get their names, but they always manage to get away before I am able to express my gratitude. Their professionalism is most apparent. Their appearance and military bearing is enough to make any old Soldier very proud. Having been assigned to funeral details in my Army career, I know the amount of preparation and discipline that goes with this duty. I wish to commend the NCOIC for the training her personnel apparently have gone through. I would like for all of the detail to know how proud we are that this grade of military personnel are in our ranks these days. The dignity and military courtesy they bring to the funeral site are true military professionalism. I am forwarding the thanks and appreciation of the families of the veterans and masons and the respect of every citizen that attends these activities. We salute and want it to be known how much this kind of professionalism means to us as old military and as masons. We salute you. Congratulations for a job always very well done.

Response — Thank you for your kind comments about the the honor guard; we're very proud of them. They serve as our Air Force ambassadors to the community and take great pride in that role. These dedicated Airmen spend many hours training to ensure they always display the polished and professional image expected of them. They take great pride in participating in all ceremonies, but the honor of providing the final salute at a funeral truly makes our honor guard that much sharper and stand just a little taller.

Today's military commitments across the globe sometimes make it difficult to support all requests — but we must and we do. Our relationship with the Gulf Coast is one of dedicated commitment and unwavering support. We are very proud of the men and women of the honor guard and the jobs they do for the families of the Gulf Coast.

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TRAINING AND EDUCATION

333rd Training Squadron

Trainers fill specialized needs in communications, information

333rd Training Squadron

Keesler has six training squadrons, and only one of them has no students from the Triangle.

Career development courses? No. Seven-level upgrade training courses? No. So, if this squadron doesn't have non-prior service students and doesn't train 7-levels or deal with career development courses, what does it do?

"Nothing" isn't the correct answer.

The 333rd Training Squadron fills a specific niche in the training life-cycle. The squadron has two flights, Air Force Communications and Information Officer training and Advanced C4I training made up of primarily noncommissioned officer students.

These flights currently teach 52 courses ranging from communications and information officer initial skills to theater deployable communications planning, communications security, and global command and control systems.

The squadron also hosts National Security Agency courses taught and attended by Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

"Overall, we're projected to graduate more than 7,400 communication and information warriors in fiscal 2005," said Capt. Donald Mercer, AFCOT flight commander.

The captain said that the 333rd TRS fills a significant gap in the training life-cycle for Air Force communication and information systems.

"New technology is injected to the field faster than normal system acquisition and development processes can accommodate," he pointed out. "We develop and conduct training to support field requirements until it's incorporated into the ini-



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Staff Sgt. James Johnson, left, and Tech. Sgt. James Jordan, instructor for the Defense Message System administrator course, look at server equipment in Stennis Hall. Sergeant Johnson is a student from the 460th Space Communications Squadron, Buckley Air Force Base, Colo.

tial skills training squadrons.

"We bridge the gap in training by offering our courses year-round, and ensure our career fields receive the training they need when they need it by conducting 'out-of-cycle' classes," Captain Mercer continued.

Additionally, the squadron's mobile training team section takes training to the field to better serve customer needs. These "mobile professionals" travel all over the world an average of 140 days a year.

Captain Mercer stressed that the 333rd TRS has tremendous challenges and opportunities in the future.

"By transporting courses into a distance learning format, we'll offer courses when they're needed, wherever they're needed," he explained. "Properly executed, this will save thousands each year on temporary duty costs — at a time when budgets continue to shrink, the search continues for innovative ways to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money."

"We recognize our instructors as weapon systems," the captain stressed. "The ordinance they deliver is knowledge. Our goal is to never miss the target."

69 medics graduate from internships, specialty training

By Tech. Sgt. Conley Pelham

81st Medical Support Squadron

Sixty-nine medics graduate from internships and specialty training, 9 a.m. Friday at Keesler Medical Center's Don Wylie Auditorium.

Among the graduates are 62 physicians and dentists, six certified registered nurse anesthetists and one physician assistant.

Brig. Gen. (Dr.) David Young III, 81st Medical Group commander, delivers the commencement address.

Graduates are:

Dental — Cpts. Chad Barth, Scott George, Lawrence Horne, Sean Hsia, Johnathan Johnson, Neal Jones, Ricardo Ochintang, Michael Pichardo, Christopher Podlin, Steven Schmoldt, Randal Silver and Jelani Washington.

Internal medicine — first-year postgraduates: Cpts. Himabindu Borra, Christian Devaux, Nathan Evans, Michael Krier, Derek Matheson, Andrew Peterson, Bharath Pola and Dennis Walker. Third-year postgraduates: Cpts. Michael Atha, Justin Cummings, Robert Holmes, Sean MacDermott, Eric Plott, Andrea Porrovecchio and Brian White; Maj. Gilberto Patino and Fernando Silva.

Obstetrics/gynecology — first-year postgraduates: Cpts. Heather Barbier, Elizabeth Beal and Charles Snow. Fourth-year postgraduates: Cpts. Veronica Gonzalez-Brown, Aquilla Highsmith and Megan Shutts-Karjola.

Pediatrics — first-year postgraduates: Cpts. Tyson Brown, Kermit Helo, Brett Linck, Damien Powell, William Powell, William Toth, Jacob Wessler and Sandy Yip. Third-year postgraduates: Cpts. Edward Champoux, Justin Devito, Maryann Elacate, Erika Gonzalez, Matthew Keysor and Benjamin Weintraub.

General surgery — first-year postgraduates: Cpts. Kara Hevener, Joseph Hobbs, Kimberly Kerr-Knott, Arnold

Lim, Jennifer Spitler, Jason Webb and Ned Williams; Maj. George Dockendorf. Fifth-year postgraduates: Cpts. Michael Hogan, Keyan Riley, Sastri Sirikanya and Derrick Walker.

General thoracic surgery — Maj. Cabot Murdock.

Nursing anesthesia — Cpts. Sara Armour, Jonathan Casey, James Goode, Gordon Hazlette, Benjamin Landry and Collis Lange.

Orthopedic physician assistant — Capt. Randall Pape.

Physician graduates include 23 specialists with three to six years of specialty training.

Nine are completing training in internal medicine, six in pediatrics, four in general surgery, three in obstetrics and gynecology and one in general thoracic surgery. The thoracic surgery fellowship is in conjunction with the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Physicians who complete these programs are eligible to take board certification examinations in their specialty and are assigned to military hospitals in the United States and overseas.

Some graduates have been accepted for fellowship training in a subspecialty at another institution.

Most of the 26 graduates completing one-year internships remain at Keesler for continued specialty training.

Four will enter the field as general medical officers or flight surgeons.

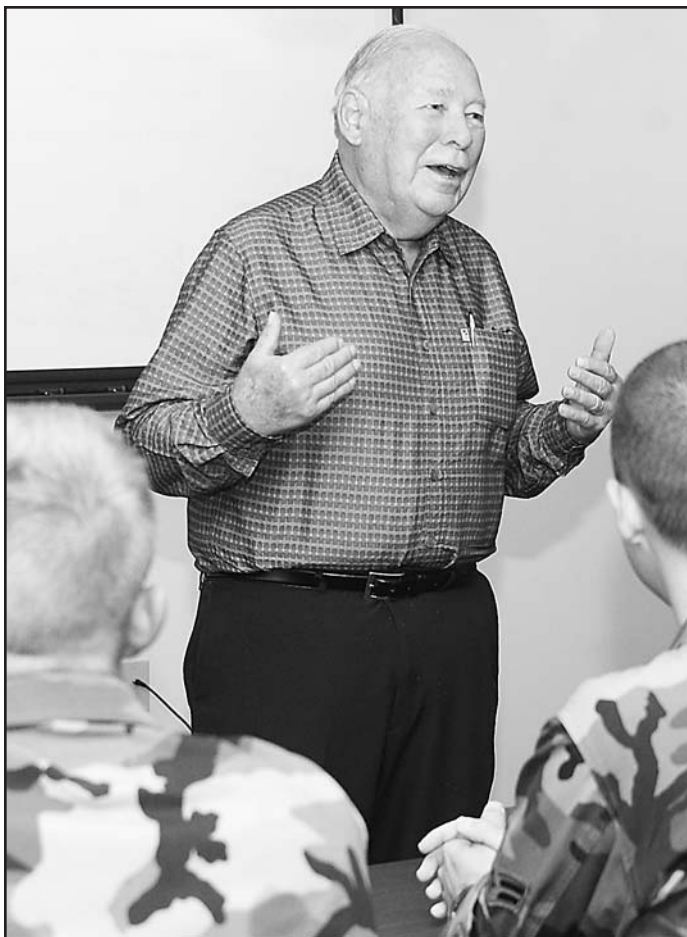
Two of the graduating dentists are completing a two-year residency in endodontics and the other 10 are completing a one-year residency in general dentistry.

The nurse anesthetists are completing an 18-month hands-on course at Keesler after spending a year in classroom instruction at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. They receive diplomas from both institutions.

Veteran's voice

Retired Army Air Corps Master Sgt. Milton Gussow of Biloxi speaks to students in the 335th Military Training Flight May 180 about his 20 years of military service, combat experiences, academic pursuits and civilian career as a journalist, editor and business consultant. Mr. Gussow, who received the Bronze Star, was an aircraft mechanic, electronic countermeasures specialist and Keesler instructor who served in Europe during World War II and Okinawa, Japan, during the Korean Conflict. Students asked for veterans to visit on a recurring basis so they could learn from their experiences and keep their stories alive.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



TRAINING, EDUCATION NOTES

ACT deadline

Today is the education office deadline to sign up for the July 11 ACT.

To sign up, visit Room 224, Sablich Center or call 377-2323 or 2171.

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center offers a summer term, Tuesday through August 12.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students is now available on the Web site.

Students who will take English composition I, oral communication or a mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. June 3 and 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

Student parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

College representative

A representative from Southwestern College Professional Studies is on hand 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 7 in the Sablich Center first floor main hallway to provide information about distance learning degree programs.

For more information, call 1-888-684-5335, extension 210.

Special programs

June 15 is the deadline for officers to apply for several competitive programs.

Programs include the Air Force Institute of Technology or Naval Postgraduate School master's and doctoral programs, Education With Industry, Space Lift Education and Crossover Program, Acquisition and Intelligence Experience Exchange Tour, Acquisition and Logistics Experience Exchange Tour,

Space and Missile Acquisition Exchange Program, Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Information Officer Engineering Exchange and the Instructor Candidate Board.

Programs provide developmental education and crossflow development assignments for officers in the eligible career fields.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Classes for spouses

The Air Force Aid Society is funding another education class for non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Keesler through Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

The course, 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays from July 11-Aug. 3, covers keyboard and computer screen terms, Microsoft Word I and II, EXCEL I and II, resume writing, customer service and basic office practices.

Fifteen students and four alternates are selected. Retirees, dependent children, spouses who are active-duty military members, or other branches of military service aren't eligible.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. June 23. Applications are available at the family support center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or in the transition employment opportunities public folder. Applicants bring completed forms to the family support center, with military identification card for verification.

For more information, call 377-2179.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian employees assigned to Keesler are eligible for college tuition assistance.

Courses must be Air Force mission or job related and taken through a regionally accredited college or university.

Required paperwork is available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

For more information, call 377-2323.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Hurricane Hunters fly WC-130J into season's first Pacific storm

By Tech. Sgt. James Pritchett

403rd Wing Public Affairs

The first storm of the 2005 hurricane season came a little early this year in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Central America.

Hurricane Adrian marked the beginning of a new era in weather reconnaissance for the Hurricane Hunters of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

When Tropical Storm Adrian formed last week, the National Hurricane Center called on the Hurricane Hunters to get a fix on the storm's location.

This mission was the first operational tasking in which the crew piloted a WC-130J into an active hurricane.

The unit has flown the J-model into storms for training and evaluation in recent seasons to ensure its stability for weather reconnaissance, but has never fulfilled an NHC tasking in the J-model before.

The Hurricane Hunters were tasked to fix Tropical Storm Adrian's location near El Salvador. It was immediately upgraded to Hurricane Adrian during the first leg of their reconnaissance mission.

During the 11-hour flight, winds reached 105 mph at flight level and forced up to 20,000 residents to flee their homes before weakening as it moved inland Friday.

The crew said the aircraft made significant improvements in their operational awareness during the mission.

The J-model features a "glass" cockpit packed with the latest in computer-assisted flight and navigational controls allowing crews to focus on their in-flight tasks.

"The plane performed very well," said Lt. Col. Dave Borsi, aircraft commander. "The biggest difference was our increased situational awareness. Because of the new computer system, we were better able to see where we were in



the storm. While we were there, data we provided led to the NHC upgrading it to a hurricane, giving the people along the coast a more accurate picture of what to expect."

"The WC-130J and the 403rd team were vital in our ability to provide the people of El Salvador and Honduras advanced warning of Adrian's landfall and potential impacts in El Salvador and neighboring countries," said Max Mayfield, NHC director. "El Salvador's president, Antonio Saca, interrupted a national press conference to advise his nation of this latest data, including information from the aircraft."

Aerial reconnaissance weather officers, who collect and transmit information from the aircraft directly to the NHC, noted that it's taken time and patience to develop software and to adapt computer systems to the unique needs of the storm reconnaissance mission.

"It's taken six years to create the best system possible to produce the most accurate data for the meteorological analyses during flight," said Lt. Col. Steve Renwick, the mission's weather officer instructor. "Our first evaluation occurred during Hurricane Lenny six summers ago. We've come a long way."

With the improved weather console, the weather officer now sees simultaneous displays of the weather data as well as instruments monitored by other crew members that are vital to performing the job.

"In the H-model, we had to look over the navigator's

shoulder to see the basic radar pattern," Renwick said.

The new system now places the weather officer in the cargo area rather than on the flight deck, allowing immediate observation of sea-surface winds, a critical part of storm assessment.

Enhancements in the new J-model allow "vortex messages" which provide essential hurricane position and intensity information. This distinguishes between the time the storm centered "fix" is made and the later time the vortex message is disseminated after the data collection, quality control and processing for the message are completed.

Maintenance teams reported that the aircraft held up well under the stresses of a storm environment.

"We haven't found any problems with the propellers," said Maj. Kelvin McElroy, 403rd Maintenance Squadron commander.

The props on the J-model are six-bladed and are made of a composite material, differing significantly from the four-bladed configuration of the older H-models.

The maintenance crew was able to plug in a portable computer that pinpoints any concerns and tells them what's needed to make corrections quickly. This is a marked change from the recovery process of the older aircraft that included many analog systems and instruments.

Brig. Gen. Richard Moss, 403rd Wing commander, said the Hurricane Hunters are ready to complete the transition to the new aircraft.

"This mission is the culmination of a lot of work enabling the WC-130J to perform its mission," the general said. "Increased situational awareness of the crew and increased safety of the J-model's performance enhance the unit's ability to locate and pinpoint these dangerous storms."

IN THE NEWS

Memorial Day speakers

Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, speaks at Memorial Day ceremonies, 9:30 a.m. Monday at Biloxi National Cemetery.

The honor guard presents the colors at the ceremony.

Col. Douglas Hayner, 81st TRW vice commander, is the speaker at the Biloxi Veterans of Foreign Wars post on Howard Avenue in Biloxi, 11 a.m. Monday.

Retiree leader sought

The retiree affairs office is looking for a new director.

"This office provides a great service to Keesler's retiree community," said Col. Douglas Hayner, 81st Training Wing vice commander. "We need a volunteer with great leadership ability and concern for our community."

The current director, retired Chief Master Sgt. Lonnie Arnold, "has done a super job and has raised the office's customer service bar to a whole new level."

Mr. Arnold, who's directed the office for the past 10 years, continues to represent a four-state area on the Air Force's retiree council.

For more information, call Gary Schafer, 377-7964.

Movies, music for deployed troops

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Johnson, a student at the Keesler NCO Academy from the Alaska Air National Guard, has created a program to enable people to donate digital video disks and compact disks for use by deployed troops.

Sergeant Johnson came up with the idea while deployed to Iraq last year. People send the DVDs and CDs to Sergeant Johnson in Alaska. He boxes them up and children at schools there decorate the boxes before mailing.

For more information, visit <http://www.dvds4troops.org>.

Information technology merger

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Three Air Force information technology organizations merged May 10 to create the Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, designed to be the focal point for information technology policy formulation and execution to best integrate current technologies.

Those organizations included the Deputy Chief of Staff, Warfighting Integration; Air Force Chief Information Officer and the Directorate of Communications Operations.

The new organization consists of three directorates: policy, planning and resources; operations and support integration; and information, services and integration. It brings responsibility for performance of as many as 233 functional activities under one umbrella.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the June 2 issue of the Keesler News is noon today, four days earlier than usual, because of the Memorial Day federal holiday, Monday.

The newspaper office is closed Monday in observance of the holiday.

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Keesler people take to the highways for summer vacations. “There’s more of a motiva-

tion to speed because we want to make time on our journeys,” the colonel commented. “Be sure to wear seatbelts, get plenty of rest before a long trip, drive during the hours that you’re normally awake, pull off and rest if you’re fatigued and plan

breaks about every two hours.” Ice-cold beer on a hot summer day can lead to tragedy if drinkers get behind the wheel. “We all know that drinking and driving don’t mix,” Colonel Averbek said. “If you’ve been drinking, your judgment is impaired and you may not realize how fast you’re going. A seat belt won’t save you if you’re driving 100 mph and hit a tree.” “I have a feeling that our next biggest risk factor might be all-terrain vehicles,” he predicted. “Four-wheelers are more and more popular, and more and more dangerous. Wrecks and rollovers are a real concern. We’ve had three recent fatalities in south Mississippi — two involving young children. “Some people don’t bother with personal protection equipment, and others who would never drink and

drive their cars will do it with an ATV,” he added. The coast’s heat and humidity add another dangerous dimension to the summer months. “Whether working or playing, the extreme heat here can be deadly,” the colonel stressed. “Plenty of fluids and rest are really important.” Swimming, boating, skiing and personal watercraft are a big part of summer fun along the coast. Water fun and water safety go hand-in-hand, whether at the pool, the river or the beach. “One hazard some people don’t realize are cuts that are exposed to the bacteria that flourish in warm coastal waters,” Colonel Averbek stressed. “You really need to get a tetanus shot if that happens.” Although Keesler only had one minor recreational mishap

last summer at a softball game, sports injuries are usually more common during the summer. “Our competitive natures come out and people tend to push too hard,” the colonel explained. “With that maximum exertion and different ranges of motions, sprains and broken bones are possible. Even a quiet barbecue at home can lead to trouble if precautions aren’t taken. “Almost every summer, we have accidents because people use their grills too close to their houses or even in their carports,” the colonel said. “People just don’t think about the risks they’re taking — that’s where operational risk management comes in, whether you’re at home, at work or at play. Think about what you’re doing, consider the risks and make sure you’re doing things the safest way you can.”

SGLI,

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in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect. The traumatic SGLI benefit is rolled into the

basic SGLI program and likely costs about \$1 a month, Mr. Wurtz said. Service members opting for maximum SGLI coverage — \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 — see monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Mr. Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents

per \$1,000 of insurance coverage. SGLI coverage is currently available in \$10,000 increments, but as of Sept. 1, the increments increase to \$50,000. Because the rates haven’t changed, service members who retain \$250,000 or less coverage won’t see an increase in premiums, Mr. Wurtz said, except for the \$1 traumatic SGLI premium.

While these expanded benefits are provided retroactively, affected service members aren’t charged retroactive payments, he said. DOD absorbs that cost. In a new twist introduced through the supplemental legislation, service members with dependents must get their spouse’s approval to purchase less than the full amount of SGLI coverage. In the case of people who aren’t married, notice is provided to the designated beneficiary when the person purchases less than the maximum coverage. The new traumatic SGLI benefit is designed to provide “a quick infusion of cash” for cash-strapped families of troops recuperating from traumatic injuries received in the line of duty, Mr. Wurtz said.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Testing change for chief promotion

Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force's supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

Assignment listings available

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for the January-March 2006 cycle overseas requirements is available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by Friday. Deployed Airmen can work with their personnel representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the assignment list.

Airmen can view the lists online at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at local MPFs.

Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or email lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Test dates for staff sergeant are through Tuesday.

Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Two new campaign medals announced April 7 recognize service members for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Defense Department officials announced the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal for service members who directly supported Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in the future or Operation Iraqi Freedom between March 19, 2003, and some future date.

Service members with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal remain qualified for it and may apply for the appropriate new campaign medal as well.

Service members may receive both of the new campaign medals if they meet the requirement for both awards.

For more information, call the military personnel flight.

Asian, Pacific extravaganza



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Emilia Shearer, left, receives chicken from Tech. Sgt. Clarissa Artero, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, during the Asian-Pacific Heritage cultural extravaganza at the Keesler Community Center May 19. The menu included dishes such as chicken kelaquen from the Mariana Islands, a commonwealth located in the western Pacific Ocean.



Master Sgt. Darryl White, left, 81st MDOS, and Staff Sgt. Michael Munyon, 81st Security Forces Squadron, perform a martial arts demonstration at the community center. Hundreds of different forms of martial arts originated or have been influenced in Asian and Pacific countries such as China, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.



Katherine Cantrall, left, 9, daughter of Sharon and Lt. Col. Bob Cantrall, 2nd Air Force, and Carmelita Grant perform a Philippine dance.



Lumpia, a Philippine dish, is an appetizer similar to the egg roll. Ingredients include chicken, shrimp and cabbage.

Families of preemies reunite with medical staff

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

To look at them now, it was hard to believe these active, robust babies and toddlers were born prematurely and weighed less than 5 pounds.

They returned to Keesler Medical Center May 19 as the pediatric department hosted its first neonatal intensive care unit reunion in the medical center's Don Wylie Auditorium.

Many former NICU babies, their parents and brothers and sisters attended the event which organizers called "A Celebration of Life."

Helping welcome the "graduates" and their families, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Holcomb, the 81st Medical Operations Squadron's director of neonatal services, said, "It's always a pleasure to see the kids when they come back to visit."

He acknowledged the important role the NICU nurses and medical technicians play in caring for their tiny patients.

"The babies wouldn't be here without the incredible selfless sacrifices of the neonatal staff. There is not a single neonatologist in this country who isn't thankful for their staff."

Fourteen-month-old Codi Lightfoot eagerly tried the wide variety of snacks the staff had provided. Born Feb. 22, 2004, she was six weeks shy of full term and weighed just 3 pounds, 5 ounces. Today she tips the scales at 16 pounds, 10 ounces.

Her parents, Marine Staff Sgt. Steve and Pam Lightfoot of Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment, praised the care Codi received at Keesler. Sergeant Lightfoot said it was like nothing he had experienced before.

"The people in the NICU are beautiful," Sergeant Lightfoot stated. "We were able to go each night without having to worry about Codi."

The Lightfoots have two older daughters, Courtney, 13, and Caitlyn, 9, who were full-term babies.



Photo by Scott Corey

NICU nurse Tara Stringer, left, visits with Darline Westberry, holding son Steven, and Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Westberry, holding son Spencer, at the NICU reunion. The twins are 10 months old. Their father is assigned to the USS Gates at Naval Station Pascagoula.

Jacie Della George is also a NICU "graduate." Born June 12, 2004, at 31 weeks, she weighed 4 pounds, 7 ounces. She now weighs 14 pounds.

Her parents, Chief Petty Officer Clint and Sirena George of the Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion Center, called the NICU care "wonderful."

"The entire staff was wonderful," Mrs. George exclaimed, "but we absolutely adore (NICU clinical nurses) Sylvia (Jones) and (Capt.) Tracey (Gosser). Everyone was terrific but they were our favorites!"

Airman 1st Class Brandy Coats, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron, brought 7-month-old daughter, Ashia, to the reunion. Brandy was at 33-1/2 weeks

when Ashia decided it was time to meet the world. She was born Oct. 1, 2004, weighing 3 pounds, 8 ounces. She now weighs 15 pounds.

Airman Coats said, "Captain (Lawrence) Sims (NICU clinical nurse) was wonderful — he took care of Ashia and spoiled her."

Ashia's father is Senior Airman Roy Coats, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Triplets Ethan, Seth and Allison Krems spent almost three weeks in the NICU following their Jan. 23, 2005, birth. They each weighed about 3 pounds, 12 ounces. Today they are respectively 10 pounds, 11 pounds, 12 ounces; and 10 pounds, 14 ounces.

Their parents are Tech. Sgt. Gregory and Denise Krems, 335th Training Squadron.

"I've had children before, but having preemies is an entirely different experience," Mrs. Krems observed. "The NICU staff taught us so much. I was able to absorb the information and care for the babies once they came home. We were able to be in the NICU most of the day and care for them so when we got them home, we were prepared."

The reunion featured a storybook corner, face painting and coloring table, as well as displays from organizations such as the March of Dimes. Those attending brought baby clothes that were donated to the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence.

New group offers support for parents of multiples

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Sue Burleson's twin boys, Daniel and Caiden, weren't born at Keesler Medical Center, but she had a special reason for attending the neonatal intensive care unit reunion.

Mrs. Burleson was on hand to encourage families of multiple births to attend the first meeting of an organization she helped start to lend support to "families with and future families of multiples."

Mississippi Moms of Multiples held its first meeting May 19 at the 81st Security Forces Squadron building.

"We're just starting," Mrs. Burleson explained. "We hope to meet monthly and schedule two to three play dates each week."

She and her family recently transferred to the area from the Portsmouth, Va., naval base. Her husband, Equipment Operator 2nd Class Jonathon Burleson, is assigned to the Gulfport Naval Construction Battalion Center.

She helped start Mississippi MOMS after discovering there were no support groups for multiples on the Coast. While doing research, she met two other moms of multiples who worked together to form the organization.

"Our mission is to create a network of families that lend support to those who have multiples and give guidance to those expecting multiples," she said.

For more information, contact Mrs. Burleson at msmomofmultiples@aol.com or phone 865-1375 or 324-5709; Stacey Maxted, 818-2865 or 327-2031; or Carla LeMay, 436-9896.

Monthly events in works for young patients

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Volunteer Nicole Talley helped arrange Keesler Medical Center's first neonatal intensive care unit reunion May 19.

Ms. Talley, a child life specialist with the Make A Wish Foundation, volunteers her time to help make hospital stays a more positive experience for Keesler children.

As a child life specialist, Ms. Talley works with the psychological and

social needs of children who are hospitalized through play, distractions and coping mechanisms and support.

"My father is a Reserve chaplain at Keesler," she said. "Someone mentioned to him that the pediatric department might need someone to help make the hospital experience better for the children."

She's working with Col. (Dr.) Ann Farash, pediatric flight commander, to have monthly events for children. Plans are in the works for a stroller derby in June.

RETENTION CORNER



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Master Sgt. John Johnson, 81st Dental Squadron superintendent, looks over a troop's enlisted performance report Monday. As superintendent, Sergeant Johnson's duties include managing administrative and dental support for the second largest dental squadron in the Air Force. The Marquette, Mich., native enlisted on Dec. 12, 1978, to see the world and to carry on a family tradition. He reenlisted May 16 because, "I still have goals to reach, like making chief master sergeant and running my own dental clinic." His advice to young Airmen is to set goals early, make sure to work towards them and not to be afraid to change them as life changes or other interests steer life in other directions.

License needed to care for kids in base housing

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

People living in base housing who care for children in their homes could be breaking the rules.

Air Force Regulation 34.276, which governs day care in on-base quarters, states “any individuals caring for children more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must get approval.”

It states that the “installation commander may revoke the housing privileges of individuals who provide child care but refuse to become licensed or who continue to provide care after their license has been suspended or revoked.”

The regulation applies whether or not caregivers are compensated for their services.

“People living in base housing who regularly care for children without being licensed may be unaware of the regulation,” said Mary Allgood, family child care program coordinator.

Licenses are granted by the 81st Support Group commander, usually within 30 days of completion of initial family child care provider training, background screenings and home inspections.

Training includes child guidance, play environments, nutrition, ages and stages of development, child abuse and neglect, recordkeeping, business management, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid.

“Family child care providers are professionals trained to give the best possible care to the children left in their charge,” said Ms. Allgood.

Once licensed, providers may care for children from 2 weeks through 12 years old. They’re assisted by the FCC staff in setting up their home and have access to an extensive library for toys, equipment and materials to keep costs down. They set up their own hours of operation and fee structure.

For more information, call 377-3189, 5934 or 5935, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Texas Hold 'Em draws to close

**By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman**

Keesler News staff

The top 10 Texas Hold 'Em players on Keesler were named after the final May 19 battle.

More than 30 past participants came to the finale.

In the end, the top two players were:

Staff Sgts. Kristopher Roy, 141st Air Refueling Wing, Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash., and Marc Dunn, 336th Training Squadron.

Sergeant Roy received an Armed Forces Vacation Club package for seven-day, eight-night stay, a \$200 gas card and two Air Force academy sports packs.

Sergeant Dunn won a two-night stay at a Myrtle Beach, S.C., hotel, two show tickets and a \$100 gas card.

Third through tenth place finishers were:

Bill Bender, husband of Staff Sgt. Leigh Ann Bender, 334th TRS; Tech Sgt. Chad Heilman, 332nd TRS; Airman Esmeralda Morales, 81st Medical Support Squadron; Senior Airman Petar Grgic, 796th Civil Engineering Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.; Senior Airman Antwain Robinson, 81st Communications Squadron; Senior Airman Brian Ramirez, 81st Training Wing; 2nd Lt. Phillip Maningat, 612nd Air Communications Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and Renae Galletto, wife of Staff Sgt. Christopher Galletto, 81st TRW.

Staff Sgt. Frankie Brown, 81st CS, checks his hand May 19 at the Texas Hold 'Em finale. The 81st Services Division hosted the two-month-long event at the Keesler Community Center.



Sergeant Roy



Sergeant Dunn



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Dylan Duffield, 338th TRS, collects his chips after winning a hand during the Texas Hold 'Em finale.



Compressed work schedule

'Down Fridays' popular at Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

New arrivals to Keesler are often excited about the coastal climate, plentiful seafood, festivals, entertainment ... and the compressed work schedule.

Since December 1995, Keesler has compressed a two-week work cycle of 80 hours into nine work days. The first week consists of four nine-hour days, Monday through Thursday, with Friday off. The next week consists of nine-hour days, Monday through Thursday, with an eight-hour day on Friday.

Jacque Hawkins, resource adviser for the 81st Training Wing, used data gathered during the 30-month test period that preceded CWS approval as the basis of her doctoral dissertation about whether such a schedule would work on a military installation.

"CWS has been very successful here for almost 10 years," Dr. Hawkins said. "Keesler has continued to produce technical training graduates

at a comparable rate. The base has saved money on utilities and food service contracts.


"But one of the greatest benefits to CWS has been a boost to morale," she added. "Surveys we've conducted have shown more than 80 percent of the base population favors the schedule. Having 'down Fridays' can be a real benefit for families, and it gives employees a chance to handle personal business outside of the normal work week."

Not every Keesler unit observes down Fridays. The 403rd Wing and 2nd Air Force follow a traditional 40-hour week routine, and the 81st Supply Squadron has some people who support the 403rd Wing's needs and handle aircraft refueling operations.

Other units are manned on CWS Fridays because of their missions. For example, Keesler Medical Center, 81st Communications Squadron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron and 81st Security Forces Squadron have some staff members on duty 24/7. The 81st Services Division has many facilities open on down Fridays.

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KEESLER NOTES

Thrift shop closed

The Keesler Thrift Shop is closed for the next two weeks. The shop reopens June 13.

During June and July, consignments are accepted on Wednesdays only.

Fashion show

A fashion show and prize drawing to celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day is 11:30 a.m. today at the Keesler Community Center.

The event is hosted by the family support center and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. today, July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

Free admission

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport offers free admission to military families, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

A 2 p.m. patriotic program

is presented by the center's children's chorus.

An interactive traveling exhibit from the Stennis Space Center, a shuttle launch video on a big screen and a banner of Space Shuttle Discovery that visitors can sign are featured.

For more information, call 897-6039.

Promotion ceremony

The next noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Keesler Community Center.

Those being promoted and speakers wear service dress.

Practice is 3:30 p.m. Friday at the center.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Boyd, 377-2027.

Enlisted appreciation

An enlisted appreciation night, with free food and giveaways, is 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Warrior Lounge in the Keesler Community Center.

The event, sponsored by the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, is open to all prior service enlisted personnel.

For more information, call 377-1597.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link program is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 2 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

Heart Link is a spouse orientation program for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation. Limited child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Ice cream social

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club plans an ice cream social for members and their children, 1:30-3:30 p.m. June 14 at the indoor pavilion at marina park.

Incoming and outgoing members are recognized.

For more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-5791.

MPF hours

Hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call

Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

Switchboard service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality of service provided by the base telephone switchboard.

Complaints or comments about the switchboard should be based on operator response time, type of assistance, courtesy, accuracy and speed.

Customer complaint records are available by e-mailing thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil or calling 377-4778.

DRMO withdrawals

All withdrawals from Defense Reutilization and Management Offices must be processed through the base chief of supply.

Organizations aren't authorized to withdraw items directly from any DRMO by using the Defense Reutilization and Management Service Web site.

For more information, call George Contas, 81st Supply Squadron, 3377-2360.

Hazardous waste

The hazardous waste accumulation facility is open in Building 4420 in the old

Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office compound on Parade Lane off Ploesti Drive.

Hazardous waste such as fluorescent lamps, batteries, mercury-containing thermostats, pesticides and aerosol cans are now turned here, rather than the base recycling center.

Except from 9-10 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month, turn-ins must be coordinated by calling 377-5802 or 348-0321, or e-mailing thomas.minton@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call Paul Pearl, 377-3004.

Composting moves

The composting yard on the corner of X and M streets at the southwest end of Building 4705 has been moved to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron pit yard behind the building.

A recycling staff member is on site to inspect trucks for items that may be recyclable, such as cardboard, metals and white paper.

For more information, call Charles Biondo, 377-5803.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

State's Special Olympians compete at Keesler Saturday



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Harvey Sherrod, left, Clifford Glenn and Johnny Fenney compete in the 50-meter run at the Triangle track during the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games Saturday. More than 800 athletes from across the state

came to Keesler to compete in traditional events such as powerlifting, golf and wheelchair races, as well as non-traditional events like softball and tennis ball throws and roller skating.



Joyce Embry makes a toss during the bocce ball competition at the Triangle track.



Kyle Sweiderk, left, and Shawn Stene, 334th Training Squadron, watch as Devin Payne tosses a football at the Olympic Village. Each Special Olympian had two Keesler personnel as sponsors for the weekend.



Bruce Thomas, left, is given a sun visor by Analyn Ambian, Keesler Federal Credit Union, at the 25-meter wheelchair race. This is the 20th year for Keesler involvement of the Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games.

Base pools open Saturday

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

The main base, Bay Breeze Golf Course and Triangle swimming pools open at noon Saturday.

The pools are open to anyone authorized to use Services facilities. Military and civilian personnel must present an identification card and the entry fee, or purchase a pool pass.

An identification card for civilian dependents may be picked up at the Services Division office in Locker House, Building 3101.

Active-duty military personnel use the pools at no charge on opening day.

The daily entry fee is \$1.50 per person. There's no charge for ages 5 and younger.

A single season pass is \$20 and a season pass for a family of three or more is \$60.

Passes may be purchased at each pool and the marina. Individuals are responsible for lost passes, which can be replaced by re-purchase.

Children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied in the pool by an adult.

Children ages 11-13 may use the pool unattended if they can demonstrate the ability to swim at least 12 meters. Infants and small children are required to wear rubber pants or swim diapers in the pool.

Pool hours at the main base pool are noon to 5:30 p.m. daily, except Monday when

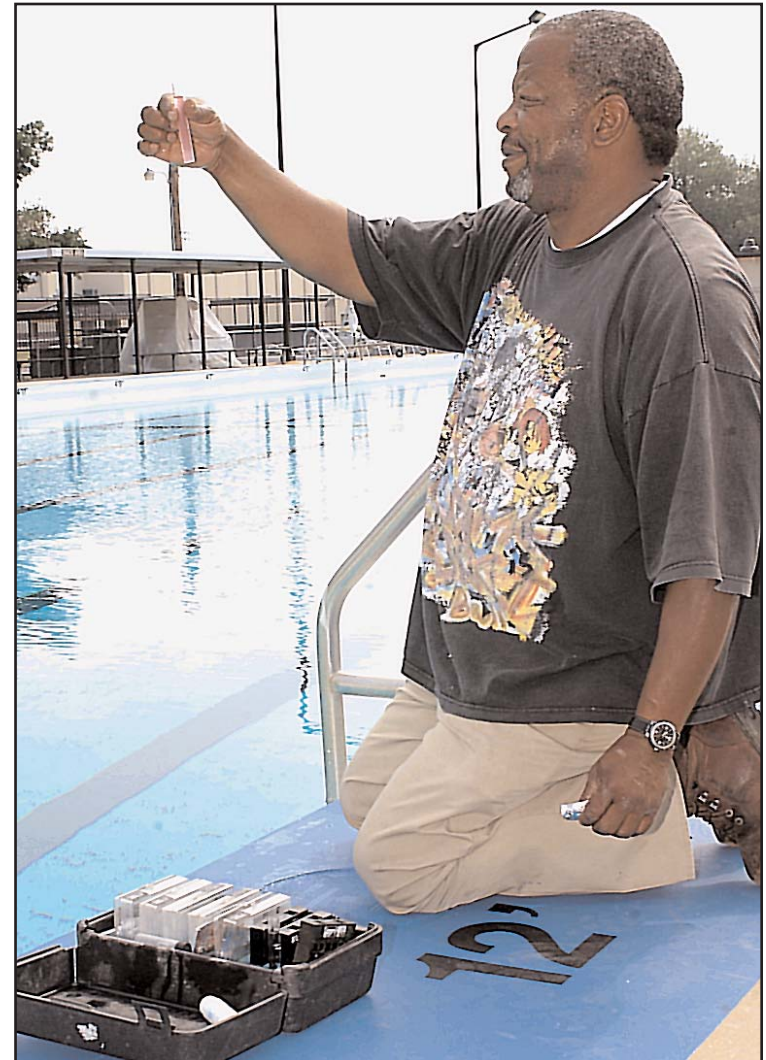


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Chanel Inge, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, checks the chlorine level at the Triangle pool.

lap swimming is available.

The Bay Breeze pool is open noon to 6 p.m. daily except Tuesday.

Hours at the Triangle pool are noon to 7 p.m. daily except

Wednesday, with lap swimming from 11 a.m. to noon.

For information on swimming lessons, water aerobics and pool parties, call 377-3568.

Air Force men take armed forces volleyball crown

By Walt Johnson

Colorado Springs Military Newspaper Group

WASHINGTON — The Air Force men's volleyball team won the 2005 Men's Armed Forces Volleyball Championship May 16.

The Airmen began their run to the title by defeating the Navy 25-23, 25-17, 22-25 and 25-22.

Air Force pulled out a four-match victory over the Army (25-21, 25-23, 17-25 and 25-18) to finish the first night undefeated.

On the second day, the Air Force took down the Marines to take a 3-0 record into the third day.

The Navy ended the Air Force's unbeaten run in the tournament by taking the Airmen's fourth game in five sets (25-20, 21-25, 25-18, 18-25, 15-8).

But the Air Force bounced back to defeat the Army and push its record to 4-1. The win also assured Air Force of at least a tie for the volleyball championship.

On the final day, Air Force earned the title by defeating the Marines, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-19.

Malu Segai, Air Force men's team head coach, said winning the championship was the goal from the beginning for his team, and it was right there for the taking.

"From the time the players arrived at camp, we told them our goal was to win the interservice championship," he said.

Engineering a dig



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Issac Balanay, left, looks on as Rick Dougherty, both with the 738th Engineer Installation Squadron, digs for the ball during an intramural volleyball game with the 333rd Training Squadron at the Blake Fitness Center May 18. The 738th EIS earned the victory, 2-1.

Base hosts running clinics

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The 81st Services Division hosted two running clinics at the Crotwell Track March 18.

According to Tim Cline, base fitness program manager, the purpose of the clinics was to assist runners of all levels at Keesler.

"We wanted to educate both the novice to advanced runners," said Mr. Cline. "We wanted to show people a few things on injury prevention, running economy and form proper shoe selection, and proper running progression."

He added that another purpose of the clinic was for people to understand running safely and effectively.

"If people do these things, then they will maximize training effectiveness," he said. "Runners can also see health benefits, exercise pleasure and fitness results increase."

During the two one-hour clinics conducted Wednesday, shoe selection, running programs, flexibility/stretching exercises, proper running



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Cline, left, shows a pair of running shoes to Jason Conklin and Alan Julian, both from the 335th Training Squadron, at the Crotwell Track.

form, and proper attire were discussed.

Some Keesler personnel were quick to thank the hosts of the clinic immediately afterward.

"We received positive feedback from the participants," he said. "In fact, I've had some inquiries from first sergeants and other individuals who would like to see this clinic at a commander's call."

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Summer unsanctioned intramural league — meeting 1 p.m. today. League is 6 p.m. Thursdays, June 2-Aug. 25. Nine-pin no-tap, four bowlers per team, three games per night. \$7 plus shoes. To sign up, call 377-2817.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-ball and base intramurals.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay to bowl, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Essay contest — for ages 6-17. For more information, call 377-4385.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. Interested members can sign up at either the Blake or Triangle fitness centers.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides sports physical for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6-8 a.m. Mondays and working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages six months to seven years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Youth golf lessons — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-3832.

Non-prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Deep seas fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and down Fridays. \$40.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Limit six people.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$40 per person including meal.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: All games are at the Triangle softball field number indicated.

American League

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
738th EIS	3	0
81st CES-A	3	0
81st MDOS	3	1
338th TRS-A	3	1
335th TRS-A	3	1
Firefighters	2	1
81st SUPS-TRANS	2	2
81st CS	2	2
332nd TRS	1	3
81st OSF	1	3
336th TRS-B	1	3
CNATTU-A	0	3
81st DS	0	4

Wednesday — 5:30 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 81st CES-A, Field 1; 738th EIS vs. 81st CS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 332nd TRS vs. 81st SUPS-TRANS, Field 1; Firefighters vs.

81st MDOS, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st DS vs. 336th TRS-B, Field 1; 8:30 p.m. 335th TRS-A vs. CNATTU-A, Field 1.

May 18 — 332nd TRS 14, 81st DS 6; 81st MDOS 10, 81st OSF 7; 81st CES-A 13, 81st SUPS/TRANS 6; 335th TRS-A 14, 336th TRS-B 12; 338th TRS-A 17, 81st CS 7; 738th EIS 7, Firefighters 6.

Monday — 81st SUPS-TRANS 14, 81st OSF 8; Firefighters 21, 81st DS 5; 335th TRS-A 10 81st CS 7; 336th TRS-B 16, 332nd TRS 7; 81st CES-A 10, CNATTU-A 6; 81st CS 16, 81st OSF 9; 81st MDOS 23, 338th TRS-A 15.

National League

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	3	0
81st MSS-TRW-2AF	3	0
335th TRS-B	3	0
81st MSGS-A	3	0
333rd TRS	2	1
403rd Wing	2	1
CNATTU-B	1	2
81st MDSS	1	2
81st CES-B	1	2
81st TRSS	1	2
AFOSI-Legal	1	2
334th TRS	0	1
338th TRS-B	0	3
81st MSGS-B	0	3

Thursday — 5:30 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 335th TRS-B, Field 1; 81st MDSS vs. CNATTU-B, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 403rd Wing vs. 336th TRS-A, Field 2; 6:30p.m. 81st MSS-TRW-2AF vs. 334th TRS, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CES-B vs. 81st MSGS-A, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. AFOSI-Legal vs. 81st MSGS-B; 8:30 p.m. 81st TRSS vs. 338th TRS-B, Field 2.

May 17 — AFOSI/Legal 13, 334th TRS 6; 403rd Wing 16, 338th TRS-B 6; 81st MSS/TRW/2AF 11, 333rd TRS 5; 81st TRSS 20, 81st MSGS 15; 336th TRS-A 13, 81st CES-B 2; 81st MSGS-A 17, CNATTU-B 6; 335th TRS-B 14, 81st MDSS 11.

Volleyball

All games are at the Blake Fitness Center.

Tuesday — 6 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 338th TRS; 7 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 334th TRS; 8 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 81st MDOS.

Thursday — 6 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 335th TRS; 7 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 338th TRS; 8 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 334th TRS.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270.

CORRECTION

In the May 19 Keesler News, the photographer of the honor guard golf tournament was Sharon Hooper.

DIGEST

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Michael Allison, Jacob Anderson, Matthew Cornett, Elder Christopher, Isacc Fox, Erik Garrett, Vernon Griffith, Adam Haymon, Joshua Jones, Nathan Layel, Thomas Lohr, Michael Mason, Michael Matticks, Philip McGuirk, Joshua Morrison, Derek Schaaf, Jeremy Strosnider, Patrick Torres and Isacc Toutoungi; Airmen James Cauthen, Jeffery Cunningham, Michael Cox, Tiffany Hubbard, Foster Kyles and Kevin Veliz; Airmen 1st Class Leuris Castillo, Kyle Cossey, Justyn Izumi, Samuel Rosa, Adam Snyder and Sara Sterling; Senior Airmen Sean Everette, Marvin Willis and Anne Witmer; Staff Sgts. Angelo Apa, Mark Bodnar, Dino Dan, Ernest Donnell, Sunny Mosier and Michael Stanton; Tech. Sgt. Charles Hollingsworth; Senior Master Sgt Jung Jeong; Capt. Ioanna Polyzou.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airmen Basic Dennis Boyer, Gabriel Henson, Joshua Leininger, Shaun Wyly and Lapaul Williams; Airman Jenny Tuggle; Airmen 1st Class Danielle Carpenter, Morgan Davis and Rodric Riley; Senior Airman Zachary Geroux.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Matthew Brown, Patrick Clendenning, James Conner, Joshua Erhorn, Darren Firth, Daniel Garcilazo, Dustin Griswold, Holly Lester, Sean Moffit, Karl Schuler, Chad Simko, Kyle Sweiderk and Laura Washer; Airmen Nicholas Balalong, Marco Griffin, Andrew Ritenour and Shawn Stene; Airmen 1st Class Justin Burby, Thomas Crowther, Melissa Landis, James Maynard, Victor Medina, Steven Mohan and Christina Price; Senior Airmen Connie Chong and Jeremy Martin; Warrant Officer 4 Themistoklis Sidiras.

335th TRS

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Rennelle Conner, Donald Evans, Kyle Gustavson, Andrew Johnson, Melissa Miller and Charles Sullivan; Navy Airman Apprentice Eric Heintzleman; Marine Pvts. John Kairawicz and Cheyne White; Airman Brian Batty; Navy Airmen Apprentice Micheal McCool, Scott Rhead and Jennifer Sabo; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Belisle and Jonathan Zimmerman; Navy Airmen Logan Handley and Jon Rossman; Senior Airman Stuart Vogt; Tech. Sgt. Craig Grant.

336th TRS

Information management apprentice course — Airman 1st Class Tiffany Colbert; Senior Airmen Jaclyn Hiapo and Christopher Johnson; Tech. Sgt. Daniel Lyon.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Christopher Buonpastore, John Hannah, Brian Hicks and Afred Shell; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Burns, Jessie Crews, Randall Cramer, James Jones, Jason Katryniuk, Alan McCutcheon, Daniel McDonald, Stephen McElroy, Michael Phillips, Carlos Quintanilla, Nicole Simmons, Bradley Thompson, Clifton Walker, Shaun Wehe and Zachary Welden; Senior Airmen Terry Groulx, John Martin, John Rosa, Ronald White and Zachariah Wiedeman; Staff Sgts. Derek Boddy, Garry Delos-Reyes, Robert Hathaway, Daniel Newman, Tristan Pana, Frank Perez, Antonie Stewart and Duy Vu; Tech. Sgts. Paul Calderone and Stephen Devoid.

Ground radio flight — Airmen Basic James Aultman, Bradly Olson and Daniel Sanoja; Airman Mahendra Dataram; Airmen 1st Class Heath Curless, Nathan Geschke, Evan Johnson, Noah Kennelly, Jason Walter and Thomas Whitten; Senior Airman James Heath; Staff Sgt. Brian Leonard.

Radar systems flight — Airman 1st Class Jason Jones; Senior Airman Theodore Donald; Staff Sgt. Dwayne Patterson; 2nd Lts. Andrej Gerjevic and Jose Tercero.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day

Editor's note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Memorial Day federal holiday, Monday. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed.

Self-help store — closed.

Keesler Thrift Shop — closed.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.

Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.

Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Commissary — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Mini-mart — 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 6 a.m. to dusk.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.

Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fam camp — open 24 hours.

Arts and crafts center — closed.

Azalea and Pecan dining facilities — closed.

Half Time Café — closed.

Keesler Club — closed.

Enlisted lounge — closed.

Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed.

Information, ticket and travel office — closed.

Keesler Community Center — closed.

Youth activities center — closed.

Child development center — closed.

Family child care — closed.

Gaude Lanes — closed.

McBride Library — closed.

Main base exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mini mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical center exchange — closed.

Dorm shoppette — closed.

Class Six/Shoppette — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Service station — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. gas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. retail; service bays closed.

Military clothing sales — closed.

Anthony's Pizza — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Popeye's — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robin Hood — closed.

A&W — closed.

Baskin Robbins — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mobile units — closed.

Subway — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telecenter — noon to 3 p.m.

General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beauty shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Triangle barber shop — noon to 3 p.m.

Main exchange barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flower shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main exchange laundry/dry cleaners — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Optical shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Portrait studio — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chappuccino — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Triangle laundry/dry cleaners — noon to 3 p.m.

Triangle jewelry shop — closed.

Triangle apparel — noon to 3 p.m.

Military rent-all — closed.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

Through Friday — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

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TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-D — graduates Tuesday.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-4 — graduates today.

First Term Airmen Center

No classes for the rest of the month.

Chapel

Book of Acts adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call David Moore, 594-0072.

Women's Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Topic is Beth Moore's "Breaking Free." Child care available. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818-9412.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Asian Pacific American Heritage book and poster display — during May.

Library services — free Internet use, copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page, fax first page \$3 and each additional page \$2, local and incoming faxes 50 cents a page.

Orientations/volunteer work — For more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced beading — Saturday; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.

Pottery — for more information, call 377-2821.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$20 including supplies; beginning framing class is prerequisite.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

ROTC assistant professor of aerospace studies — Air Education and Training Command projects vacancies for summer 2006. For eligibility criteria and more information, call 2nd Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass. — Airmen who've completed their enlistment and don't have a military service obligation may qualify for \$15,000 enlistment bonus in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151, DSN 698-1567 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

Missouri Air National Guard, Jefferson Barracks — looking for officers to fill positions as air battle managers, pilots and navigators with Air Force Specialty Codes 013B3K, 013M3, 011B3Y, 011G3, 012F3Y, 011F3B, 012F3Y, 013B3B and W011G3Y. For more information, call DSN 824-8504 or commercial 314-527-8504.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Adult and youth guitar — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up coloring/activity sheet; submit entry by 4 p.m. today.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament and country DJ — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in May show ID card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Kids on the move relocation workshop — 6-7 p.m. today, ages 6-12. To register, call 377-2179.

Three-on-three soccer registration — throughout May, ages 5-12. \$30 including jersey, socks and participation award.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing kindergarten through grade 6; counselor-in-training program for youth at least 13 years old or in grade 7; summer youth volunteers and the youth employment skills program for grades 9-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — herb baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas and rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O'Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almonndine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Memorial Day cookout: barbecue spare ribs and chicken, grilled steak, coleslaw, baked potatoes, baked beans, corn, pastries, fruit, drinks.

Dinner — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — pita pizzas, country style steak, fried chicken, jalapeno cornbread, oven brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Keesler Club

Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.
Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Specials are Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day each week.
Wednesday special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks) — Saturday; call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways; club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.
Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.
Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.
Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.
Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.
Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Pensacola Beach, Fla. — June 17. \$20 including round trip transportation; sign up and prepay by June 15.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor's note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.
Biloxi National Cemetery — placement of about 14,000 flags on individual gravesites for Memorial Day, 9 a.m. Saturday. Flag removal, 8 a.m. Monday. For both days, meet at the cemetery's maintenance shop (green building near the back of the cemetery).
Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.
American RedCross-Keesler Chapter — provides volun-

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.
KIRT members are:
Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.
Family support center — 377-2179.
Family advocacy — 377-7006.
Family member program — 377-3077.
Health and wellness center — 377-5305.
403rd Wing — 377-3277.
Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.
Classes, seminars
Passport to Parenthood/Bundles for Babies — 6-8 p.m. today, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.
Marital enrichment classes — 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.
Tobacco cessation class — next class starts Aug. 3.
Stress management classes — 4 p.m. June 7 and 21, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.
Healthy cooking demonstration — noon today and June 30, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.
Sensible weigh — four-week class, 11 a.m. Thursdays starting June 9, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

teers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.
Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.
Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.
Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.
Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.
Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.
Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.
High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.
Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.
International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.
McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.
Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.
Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.
Today — 7 p.m., The Upside of Anger (R).
Friday — 7 p.m., King's Ransom (PG-13).
Saturday — 2 p.m., Fever Pitch (PG-13); 7 p.m., Sahara (PG-13); 9:30 p.m., The Upside of Anger (R).
Sunday — 2 p.m., Sahara (PG-13).

June weather outlook

Thunderstorms commonly occur along the Gulf Coast in June. Most storms form due to the sea breeze effect, which is common during the summer months. Although frontal passages are infrequent, squall lines may form and drop heavy rainfall. June is also the first month of hurricane season. However, tropical storms and hurricanes don't usually affect Louisiana and Mississippi this early. Daily temperatures and humidity rise considerably in June. Nights are warm with occasional thunderstorms that form off the coast during the early morning hours. While these morning storms may sometimes affect Keesler, it's the afternoon sea breeze effect that's more likely to bring activity over the base.
Extreme maximum temperature (F).....101
Mean daily maximum temperature (F).....88
Mean daily minimum temperature (F).....74
Extreme minimum temperature (F).....57
Mean relative humidity (percent).....74
Mean monthly precipitation (inches).....5.53
Mean number of days with precipitation.....9
Mean number of days with thunderstorms.....10
Maximum 24-hour rainfall (inches).....5.5
Percentage of observations with ceiling less than:
2,000 feet.....1.8
1,000 feet.....0.2
300 feet.....0.0
Percentage of observations with visibility less than:
6 miles.....12.1
3 miles.....0.4
1 mile.....0.1
Percentage of observations with wind:
0-3 knots.....35.1
4-10 knots.....58.1
11-21 knots.....6.7
22 knots or greater.....0.1
Base personnel can access radar and satellite data and a general forecast on the local area network in the public folders under 81 OSF Weather.

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyler House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClellan Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.
To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.
To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.
Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.
Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

Perfect parties start with club catering

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Squadron

More than 22,000 people attended 235 catered functions at the Keesler Club during the past year.

They enjoyed wedding receptions, birthday parties, retirements, promotions, anniversaries, official functions, and family get-togethers — all in a day's work for club caterer Peggy Fairley.

"My job is to assist customers in selecting a total package appropriate to the affair, whether it's a party, luncheon, banquet or reception," Ms. Fairley said.

The food to be served is given top priority. The club offers a wide array of menus combining some of their more popular items, including healthy choice selections.

If it's a morning function, options include a breakfast buffet for a minimum of 40 people, a continental breakfast or selections from the breakfast bakery menu.

Luncheon favorites include sandwiches, hot platters and salad specialties.

For dinner, choose beef, fish, seafood or chicken entrees, canapés or hors d'oeuvres. Then top off the meal with a delicious dessert.

For a nominal fee, customers can request the addition of one or more bars and a dance floor to complete the arrangements.

"If customers prefer to design their own menus, I'm available to offer suggestions and recommendations," Ms. Fairley pointed out.

"However, some restrictions do apply. For example, customers aren't allowed to bring their own food into the club, with the exception of specialty cakes which have been approved in advance."



Courtesy photo

Wedding receptions are just one of the many types of catered functions at the Keesler Club.

After menus have been confirmed, Ms. Fairly offers recommendations to enhance color schemes and party themes through the use of decorations and various colored table linens.

From Mardi Gras to Christmas, the Wild West to a Hawaiian luau, the 50s to the present — if you want it, the Keesler Club can do it with appropriate decorations and maybe a costume or two for the staff.

Rooms are also available at the club for private meetings and seminars. Room charges depend on when the event is held. Charges don't apply to functions with food and beverage sales that are equal to,

or greater than, the room charges. Club members may also reserve a room at no charge for a luncheon event, as long as those attending select their meal from the buffet line. This special is available for groups of 50 or less.

According to Ms. Fairly the club can accommodate groups up to 230.

"For larger events, up to 350 people, the host should call the Keesler Community Center at 377-1659," she said. "After a date and time have been confirmed, the host then gets in touch with me to discuss a menu. The food is prepared at the club and delivered to the community center

— and, I want to add, we're always on time."

The Keesler Club is also equipped to set up, prepare and serve food off-site for groups of 40 or more as long as the activity is on base. There is a 25 percent surcharge for this service which includes gratuity, labor and linens. The off-site menu includes everything from hot dogs to steaks, and even seafood on occasion.

If your get-together is at your home, let the club prepare the food. Place your order three days in advance, pick it up, serve it and accept the compliments — no surcharge here.

To make arrangements for a private party or organizational function, stop by the club or call 377-2219 weekdays except holidays and non-working Fridays. The individual booking the party must be a current club member.

Preliminary arrangements for date, time and place should be made as early as possible. A minimum guarantee of the number of guests to be served is required by noon three days in advance of the party. Twenty-four hours notice is required for cancellations.

The term "guest" applies to members, their dependents and personnel ineligible to become club members.

Pay for your function with cash, or charge it to your club card or any Visa or MasterCard.

Comparative pricing, convenience, customer service and a staff of professionals who pay attention to details — the perfect mix for a perfect party.

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FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 19 at the Keesler Club — All ranks invited.

Enjoy delicious prime rib along with our regular brunch menu including breakfast items and a pasta station.

\$16.95 — members' discount price \$13.95,
\$6.95 ages 6-11 — free ages 5 and younger.

For more information, call 377-2719.

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FAMILY CHILD CARE

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3189 Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training is at the family child care office, Building J0043, Thrower Park.

Pre-training orientation — 4 p.m. Mondays for anyone interested in being licensed to provide child care in their home.

Shift providers — needed during swing and evening shifts.

Special needs providers — needed to care for children with asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy and physical impairments.

HALF TIME SPORTS CAFÉ

Editor's note: Located inside Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-2424.

Poor man's pizza package — two large pizzas with two toppings, \$12.50.

Jumbo hot wings — \$4 dozen.

Half Time hot bites combo — five cheese-stuffed jalapenos deep-ried and served with fries and ranch dressing, \$4.95.

BAY BREEZE GOLF COURSE

Editor's note: For tee time or more information, call 377-3832.

Summer golf tournament — June 24. Registration and lunch 11 a.m., tee time at noon. \$35 per person including lunch, cart, greens fees, beverages and door prizes. Sign up at the pro shop. For more information call Tech. Sgt. Wayne Rowell, 377-5817. Hosted by the Biloxi High School Junior ROTC.

Golf 101 — 5-6 p.m. June 7-9 and July 5-7, for people who have never played golf and want to learn the basic fundamentals of the golf swing. \$20 includes etiquette, putting, chipping, full swing, and on-course play. Space is limited to the first 10 sign-ups. Call to register or stop by at the pro shop.

Youth golf for ages 6-15 — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Sign-up now; each class is limited to 15 students. Classes are 8-9:30 a.m. for ages 6-10 and 10-11:30 a.m. for ages 11-15. Entry fee for first timers or those who need clubs is \$60 per session including a complete set of clubs and stand bag. Second-year students or those who don't need clubs pay \$30 per session. Class includes training on etiquette and the basic fundamentals of the golf swing, including chipping, putting and full swing. Students receive a golf hat, shirt, ditty bag and a set of children's golf handbooks. A parent and child golf event is Aug. 5.

Nonprior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds of golf a day, including greens and cart fees and golf club rental.

Individual and group golf lessons — fine-tune your golf swing; \$25 for 30 minutes.

INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3818. All trips depart from and return to the Keesler Community Center.

New Orleans school of cooking — July 15. \$45 per person including admission, meal and transportation. Expert chefs share the secrets of New Orleans cuisine as well as fascinating legends and facts. Enjoy a meal and take home the recipes. Spend the afternoon sightseeing and shopping in the French Quarter. Sign up by July 8; depart 7:30 a.m., return 5:30 p.m.

French Quarter ghosts and legends trip — July 16. \$40 per person including admission and transportation. See the haunted New Orleans LaLaurie Mansion. Sign up and prepay by July 8; depart 5 p.m., return 2 a.m.

Pensacola Beach, Fla. — June 17. \$20 per person for round trip transportation. Pack a lunch, bring your camera, sun block and chairs and spend the day on the beach. Sign up and prepay by June 15; depart 9 a.m., return 6 p.m.

OUTDOOR RECREATION AND MARINA

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 0002.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and nonworking Fridays. \$40 per person includes everything you need to fish. Bring your own food and beverage.

Father's Day special — June 19. Fathers receive a free rod-and-reel rental.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — \$650 for a maximum of six people; call today to schedule your trip.

Dinner cruise — June 11 and 25. Minimum four, maximum seven people. Sign up five days in advance. Cruise Biloxi's Back Bay, enjoy snacks, and dine at a local restaurant. \$40 per person including your meal. Depart 4 p.m., return about 8 p.m.

June fishing tournament — weigh in the largest bass and win a \$100 savings bond.

Pontoon boat rental — rent for two hours, half day or full day. You must take a test and be certified to rent a boat.

Discs for disc golf — rent or buy one or more discs. Distance, fairway, multi-purpose, and putt and approach discs are available.

HAPPENINGS AT YOUR AIR FORCE CLUB

2005 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Six scholarships, \$6,000 to \$2,500, are awarded Air Force wide. Entrants must provide an essay on the topic:

"My hero, and why."

Essay deadline is July 15. Scholarships are made possible through commercial sponsorship provided by MasterCard and Chase Bank. For eligibility and more information, call 377-2719.

KEESLER CLUB DINING ROOM

Editor's note: Combined dining is open to all ranks. For more information, call 377-2719.

Po' man's night buffet — 5:30-8 p.m. June 16. \$10.95, members discount price \$7.95. \$4.95 ages 6-11, free ages 5 and younger. Entertainment for children, ice cream sundae station and door prizes.

Father's Day Brunch — June 19. For more information, see page A1.

Lunch specials — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. work days. Buffet \$7.95, member discount price \$5.95. Monday features two lunch lines: chef's choice and Mongolian barbecue. Tuesday's house specialty is barbecue ribs, Wednesday features an ethnic buffet and Mississippi catfish is served the last work day of each week.

Birthday special — members get 50 percent off one lunch buffet during their birth month.

Anniversary special — celebrate your anniversary at po'man's buffet or Father's Day brunch and receive a free bottle of champagne with your meal along with an extra punch on your lunch bunch card.

Lucrative lunch — a \$25 cash drawing for members is held during lunch the last work day of each week. To enter, write your name and phone number on the back of each of your lunch receipts through the week and put them in the box at the register; need not be present to win.

Double stamp day — members eating lunch at the club on Mondays get a two-for-one punch on their lunch bunch cards.

SPECIALS AT THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED LOUNGES

Progressive pot cash giveaway — 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, a randomly-selected member's name is called. Member must be present to win. If no one wins, \$25 is added to the next week's drawing. For information on current jackpot amounts, call 377-2719.

Flasher Wednesdays — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, wings and things. Flash your club card and they're free; \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials for members.

Quick pic — pick up your 50-cent card for a chance to win up to \$200.

Featured drinks for the month — strawberry daiquiri \$3, tequila sunrise \$2.50.

Home safe — designated drivers receive free soft drinks. Home safe cards available; check with your beverage server.

NASCAR WATCH PARTIES

Rev up your engines — June 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Warrior Lounge for all ranks. Food and drink specials. Two NASCAR gift certificates, redeemable for merchandise from the NASCAR web site, awarded weekly. You could win a trip to the Nov. 13 NASCAR race at the Phoenix International Raceway including air fare, hotel accommodations and a rental car. Second place wins a \$500 NASCAR gift certificate, third place wins a \$250 NASCAR gift certificate. Entry forms available at each NASCAR event, every 15 minutes until the race is over. A special program for AETC club members, done in cooperation with the Air Force Recruiting Service. No purchase necessary. Ask club staff for details

ENLISTED WARRIOR LOUNGE

Reserve weekend — June 10-11 open 3:30 p.m.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays-Saturdays.

Laid back Tuesdays — 5:30 p.m., tacos three for \$2 until they're gone; \$3 domestic draft pitchers for members only.

Pinochle — 7 p.m. Tuesdays, all ranks invited.

Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. get three tacos for \$2 while they last. Members double well shots for an extra dollar.

Karaoke with Dr. Dick — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 3 and 24; 5:30 p.m. until they're gone, complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Keesler Club member card drawing — 6 p.m. last work day of each week. Two drawings for \$25 each. Must be present to win.

Latino night — June 17. Dance lessons 7-8 p.m. DJ Araujo 8 p.m. Margarita and Corona specials.

R & B night — 9 p.m. until, June 10 and every Saturday, featuring DJ Cool Ice Water. Free admission. Drink specials for the ladies until midnight.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays. Urban music featuring DJ Ice. \$3 drink specials include Sex on the Beach, Hypnotic, Long Island Tea and Incredible Hulk.

SUMMER FUN FOR ALL RANKS

Summer bash — 5 p.m. June 11, Warrior Lounge.

Cookout, music, horseshoes, sack races, volleyball tournament; bring your own remote control vehicle for races.

Family summer bash — 5-9 p.m. June 25, Keesler Community Center. Face painting, kiddie games, smores table, horseshoes, sack races, volleyball tournament; bring your own remote control vehicle for races. Adults only after 9 p.m. Hosted by the Keesler Club.



Base pools open Saturday

Pool passes are available for purchase at each pool and at outdoor recreation and mairna.

Daily pass \$1.50 ~ Single season pass \$20

Family (three or more) season pass \$60

For more information, call 377-3568.



GAUDÉ LANES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2817.

***Shoes aren't included.**

Tuesdays — half-price bowling for our neighbors from the Gulfport Seabee Base.

Thursdays — 5-9 p.m., teenagers bowl for only \$5.

Father's Day special — June 19. Kids bring dad out to bowl; kids pay \$1 per game, dad bowls free with free shoe rental.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling* — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.50 per person per game, \$15 each for four hours, or rent a lane for \$65 for four hours for up to six people. Special rate for large groups of 20 or more. No charge for nonbowling youth chaperones and designated drivers; \$5 for all other nonbowlers ages 11 and older. Not valid with other specials.

Birthday parties — Saturdays only. \$7 per child including two hours of bowling, shoes and food package; birthday child is free. Bumpers available for ages 11 and younger. Reservations required.

Family day* — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents bowl the normal rate, their children bowl the same game free, based on lane availability (1-4 p.m. availability reduced). Call ahead for bumpers.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley. **Bowl-a-rama** — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95 (\$16 value). 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, or all day Sundays, bowl two hours for \$9.95 (\$17.25 value). Each additional hour \$2. Not valid during Friday and Saturday Hurricane Alley.

Nonprior service student specials — show UBU card and pay \$11 for four hours for Hurricane Alley or \$2.75 per game. Open bowling \$1.50 per game until 4 p.m., after 4 p.m. pay \$2 per game. Shoe rental \$1. Not valid with other discounts or specials.

Play-and-save cards* — 21 games \$25; not valid for Friday and Saturday night Hurricane Alley.

Eleventh Frame Café — lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays. Purchase a lunch special Tuesdays-Thursdays and bowl a free game.

KEESLER COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: Events are open to all permanent party personnel. For more information, call 377-3308.

Ballroom dancing — 7-11 p.m. June 4. \$10. Hors d'oeuvres served; instructors available.

Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult.

Guitar lessons — 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 through adult. \$55 per month.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays. Weigh-in 5 p.m.

Coloring contest — stop by the center and pick up a coloring/activity sheet for the children. Submit entries by 4 p.m. June 16 and be eligible for a prize.

Barber shop — men's and ladies cuts, fades, flat-tops, high and tights, and eyebrow arches; \$5 cuts for retirees on Wednesdays. No appointment necessary. For more information, call 377-4146.

MUSE MANOR MINI-MART

Editor's note: Located inside Muse Manor on Larcher Boulevard. For more information, call 377-2752.

Stop by for quick breakfast, coffee, milk, juice, pastries and more; open 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., ask front desk for service after hours.

VANDEMBERG COMMUNITY CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-5576 or 4355.

Eight-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays. Winner gets into the weekend dance free.

Nine-ball pool tourney — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Winner gets into the weekend dance free.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Late night dance and DJ* — 6 p.m. to midnight every Friday and Saturday. \$3 admission.

Birthday dance* — 6 p.m. the third Friday of every month. People with birthdays during the month enter the dance free when they show their identification card.

Martial arts — Mondays-Fridays, taekwondo; Tuesdays and Thursdays, soo bahk do.

*Dances are sponsored by Edgewater Village Shopping Center and Financial Group USA.

ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Editor's note: Preregistration is required for all classes. Registration opens the first of the month prior to the scheduled date at the craft sales Building 5904. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-2821.

Youth classes

Parent and me — 10 a.m. to noon June 18, ages 4 and older. Complete a picture frame project. \$10 including supplies; second child \$5.

Teen ceramic project — 10 a.m. to noon June 17; ages 14 and older. Make a Father's Day gift. \$10 includes supplies.

Youth summer craft camp — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for eight weeks beginning June 7. Sign up weekly or for all eight weeks. \$20 per week, ages eight and older. Learn a new skill each week from sewing and cooking to woodwork and pottery.

Multi-crafts shop

Stained glass — one class, four sessions, noon to 3 p.m. June 4, 11, 18 and 25. \$65 including supplies. Minimum six students.

Beading — beginners June 4, intermediate June 11. \$25 for instruction plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. Advanced class June 18 and 25. \$30 for instruction plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. Call for class times.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. June 4 or 18. Learn basic brush strokes for this Donna Dewberry certified folk art painting technique. \$40 includes supplies.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. June 4 or 18. \$25. One-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

Beginners crochet — 6 p.m. June 7. \$10.

Free scrapbook club — 5:30 p.m. June 7. The topic is tags; bring in examples to share.

Ceramic pouring — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 11. \$20 including supplies. Learn to use ceramic molds and clean greenware; make three pieces of your own.

Ceramic painting — 10 a.m. June 11, cattails and dragonflies plate; new techniques by Duncan Ambassador instructor. \$30 includes most supplies. 10 a.m. June 25, American flag plate. \$20 includes most supplies.

Free brushstroke class — 5 p.m. June 14. Purchase your own greenware to attend; call to sign up.

Beginners cross stitch — 6 p.m. June 14. \$10.

Rubber stamped card making — 6 p.m. June 21. \$10.

Ceramic painting technique — Learn brush strokes, dry brushing and glaze techniques. Have a class at your convenience; minimum five students.

Frame shop

Beginners — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 7, 14, 21 and 28. \$55 including supplies.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 17. \$15 including supplies. Beginners framing is prerequisite.

Three-dimensional decoupage kits — 1 p.m. June 25. Create a beautiful picture ready to be framed. \$5 for instruction plus a \$5-\$15 kit.

Wood shop

Beginners woodworking — 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. \$25 includes supplies and tool use. Learn how to use shop equipment and receive an operator's card and safety certification for future shop use. Maximum six students. Next class July 6.

Beginning intarsia — 5-7 p.m. June 10 or 24. \$15 including supplies and tool use. Maximum three students. Intarsia is the art form of inlaying pieces of wood in a decorative pattern.

Advanced intarsia — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 11 or 25. \$20 including supplies and tool use.

Auto hobby shop

Beginners auto care — Classes are at 6 p.m. and cost \$5 each. Wednesday, oil changes; June 8, tune ups; June 15, brakes. Minimum five students.

Closed — Father's Day June 19.

Specials

Wood shop — build something for Father's Day and receive two hours of free shop use.

Engraving shop — check out the unique and individual Father's Day gifts available.

Auto shop — assistance available for summer vehicle air conditioning needs.

FITNESS

Free aerobics — a variety of classes are offered at Dragon Fitness Center at various times for most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays at Dragon Fitness Center. Workout equipment; play area for ages 6 months to 7 years.

Varsity/intramural sports — for more information, call 377-4385 or 3056.

MCBRIDE LIBRARY

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2181.

Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 6 p.m. Wednesday and June 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Summer read and story time programs — sign up 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. Story time for ages 2-6, 10 a.m. June 8, 15, 22 and 27. Read club for ages 7-12, 2 p.m. June 8.

Vacation time — new travel guides on display; books on compact disk available for checkout.

Library services — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents a page. Copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2. Local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

CAR WASH

Editor's note: Located at the auto skills center near the Meadows Drive gate.

24-hour coin-operated — safe, clean environment with foamy brush wash, high pressure rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum station.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Editor's note: located on 3rd Street, Bldg 0408. For appointment call, 377-6887 or 377-6883.

Low prices every day — save an average of 25-30 percent over off-base prices on Heartguard and Frontline products.

Appointments — available for vaccinations, sick call and pet registrations. All animals in base housing must be registered with veterinary services.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES CENTER

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-4116.

Teen nights — 6:30-10 p.m. Fridays, ages 13-18. \$5 per person. June 3, phase 10 card games. June 10, karaoke night. June 17, crazy hat night, June 24, video mania.

Preteen nights — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5 per person. June 4, mix match shoes. June 11, sock hop. June 18, crazy hat night. June 25, candy bingo.

Free home alone course — 6-7 p.m. June 9, ages 10 and older. Child must be accompanied by a parent.

Summer camp opportunities — early registration suggested. Extreme skateboard camp, 8 a.m. to noon, June 6-10, ages 10-16, \$15 per person. TRAIL leadership camp, June 13-17, ages 13-17, \$25 per person. Archery camp, 2-4 p.m. June 20-24, ages 8-15, \$15 per person. Basketball camp, 2-4 p.m. June 27-30, ages 5-12, \$15 per person. Theater camp, 6-8 p.m. July 11-15, ages 9-17, \$15 per person. Teen Warrior Week, July 24-30, ages 13-15, \$25 per person.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 per month; possible waiting list due to popularity.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. Call for times, age groups and fee; possible waiting list due to popularity.

Hire me board — an opportunity for teens to advertise their services as babysitters, yard workers, dog walkers, etc. Parents must sign as an endorsement of services.

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